

The Wake Forest Christmas Parade is one of many ways to enjoy the festive spirit in our community.

'TIS THE SEASON

A flurry of holiday events is in store!

To help you keep track of holiday events, the Town has created a "Christmas in Wake Forest" portal on its website. Located at wakeforestnc.gov (search "Christmas") the web page provides detailed infor-

mation about our area's most popular holiday events offering dates, times, locations, event descriptions and more. 'Tis the season to mark your calendars, so you don't miss a thing.

Also, be sure to download the

Town's app to access the "Christmas in Wake Forest" function. The function is designed to offer smartphone users instant access to all the Town's holiday happenings. IPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, and Android users can download the

Town's free app by searching for "Town of Wake Forest" on iTunes, in the iPhone app store or in Google Play.

See the next several pages for a complete overview of the Town of Wake Forest's holiday events and activities.



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News Highlights

Election Day is Nov. 5 » On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Wake Forest voters will elect three commission-

ers to the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners. Polls are open 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

The seven candidates running for the three open seats are Greg Bartholomew, Jim Dyer, Heather Loftin Holding,

Anne Reeve (incumbent), Chad Sary, Sean Sullivan and Adam Wright.

Rebroadcasts of the Candidates Forum held on Oct. 22 can be viewed daily at noon and 6 p.m. on WFTV 10 or on the Town's website at wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv-10".

For complete voter information and how to find your polling place, visit the Board of Elections website at **wakegov.com/elections**.

Joyner Park Community Center is now open » The new 32,000 square-foot community center at E. Carroll Joyner Park features a walking track, gymnasium for pickleball, basketball and volleyball, cardio equipment, dance studio, kitchen and an outdoor playground.

Located at 701 Harris Road, the center is open Monday–Friday, 6 a.m.–10 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Sundays 1–5 p.m.

A Rec Card is required to access amenities offered at Joyner Park Community Center. See page 3 for more details.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "joyner park community center"



Holiday Schedule: Wake Forest Town Hall and all other administrative offices will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day, Nov. 28–29 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24–26 for Christmas. For a complete list of Town holidays and any changes to Town services, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "holiday schedule".

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police accepting donations for Shop With A Cop

The Wake Forest Police Department is accepting donations for the 21st Annual Shop with a Cop. To contribute online via PayPal, visit **wakeforestnc.gov** and search "shop with a cop". Checks and cash are also accepted and can be mailed or delivered to the Wake Forest Police Department, 225 S. Taylor St.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, approximately 30 area children will be paired with police officer "partners" and together they will visit Walmart with \$175 to spend on items of their choice. They will also receive a winter coat.

Lt. B. Mote, ⊠ bmote@wakeforestnc.gov, ☎ 919-554-6150







Local choirs help usher in the holiday season during the Lighting of Wake Forest.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

There's no better place to celebrate the season!

Calls from Santa

Thursday, Dec. 5 ■ 6–8 p.m.

Children ages 3-9 can receive a personal phone call from Santa this Christmas! Registration forms will be available at **wakeforestnc.gov** (search "calls from santa") beginning Dec. 1.

Completed forms must be received by 5 p.m., Dec. 5. Telephone registrations will not be accepted. There is no charge for the event, but all calls must be local. *Presented by the Wake Forest Parks*, *Recreation & Cultural Resources Department*. 919-435-9560.



Lighting of Wake Forest

Friday, Dec. 6 ■ 6–8:30 p.m. Wake Forest Town Hall

The holiday season officially begins with the Lighting of Wake Forest. The mayor will lead a countdown to light the town's Christmas tree followed by the eagerly anticipated arrival of Santa Claus on a fire truck. The event will include performances by local choirs, a children's craft activity and complimentary hot cocoa, cookies and glow necklaces while supplies last. Sponsored by Traditions at Wake Forest. Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. 919-435-9427.

Pictures With Santa will be offered from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Guests wishing to have a picture taken with Santa at the Lighting of Wake Forest must

pick up a time ticket in the town hall lobby beginning at 5:30 p.m. Designed to reduce wait times, each ticket will indicate the time your group should arrive at the line-up to have your picture taken. There are a limited number of time tickets available and a ticket is required to visit with Santa on Friday evening during the Lighting of Wake Forest.

Downtown Holiday Open House

Saturday, Dec. 7 **Downtown Business District**

Discover historic downtown Wake Forest's unique array of shops and restaurants. Enjoy special offers and complimentary refreshments at participating shops and restaurants and fun filled activities for kids and families. Sponsored by the Downtown Business Alliance. Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. 919-435-9415



Pictures With Santa will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cotton Company Event Gallery (second floor), 306 S. White St.

Snowball Dance (Special Needs)

Saturday, Dec. 7 ■ 6-8 p.m. **Wake Forest Community House**

For individuals with special needs ages 15 and up. Join us for a night in Winter Wonderland, complete with a DJ, refreshments, dancing and fun! Tickets are \$15. Pre-registration is required at wakeforestnc. recdesk.com. Presented by the Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department. 919-435-9560.



Wake Forest Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 14 ■ 1 p.m. **South White Street & South Brooks Street**

The Wake Forest Christmas Parade is the place to experience community spirit at its best! Check wakeforestnc.gov or the Town of Wake Forest app for parking information. Sponsored by PowerSecure. Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. 919-435-9416.



Pictures With Santa will be offered before the Christmas Parade from 10 a.m.-noon at Fidelity Bank, 231 S. White St

WAKE FOREST DOWNTOWN



Downtown mailbox welcomes Letters for Santa

The Letters for Santa mailbox is back this holiday season! Beginning Friday, Nov. 29, the Town of Wake Forest will provide a Letters for Santa mailbox in Jones Plaza at the intersection of South White Street and East Jones Avenue.

Children of all ages are invited to bring their letters to Santa's Mailbox anytime between Nov. 29 and Dec. 24 for immediate delivery to the North Pole. Letters received by Sunday, Dec. 15, will receive a personal response from Santa Claus himself. No postage is required, but all letters should include a return address.

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Rec Card required to access amenities at PRCR facilities

Both residents and non-residents ages 11 and older must have a Recreation



Card (Rec Card) to access amenities offered at Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources facilities, including the Joyner Park Community Center (JPCC) and Flaherty Park Community Center (FPCC).

Although Rec Cards are free for Wake Forest residents, the following fees now apply for people who live outside the Wake Forest town limits and do not pay Wake Forest property taxes: Individual, \$25; Family, \$50; Drop-in fee, \$5.

To obtain a Rec Card you must first create an online profile at wakeforestnc. recdesk.com. Then, visit the FPCC, 1226 N. White St., the Alston-Massenburg Center (AMC), 416 N. Taylor St., or the JPCC to have your picture taken and present proof of residency.

Cardholders ages 11 and older can enjoy open gym times for volleyball, basketball and pickleball, while cardholders ages 16 and older will be eligible to use the JPCC's indoor walking track, cardio equipment and exercise room.

Joyner Park Community Center Manager Cindi King, ☎ 919-435-9557, ⊠ cking@ wakeforestnc.gov

Cindi King is new JPCC Manager

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department is pleased to welcome Cindi King as the manager of the new Joyner Park Community Center (JPCC)..



A certified parks and recreation professional with over 25 years of parks and recreation experience, King joins the Town of Wake Forest after spending the previous 16 years of her career with the Town of Cary in multiple positions, including Assistant Center Supervisor, Center Supervisor and Senior Operations & Programs Supervisor.

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RENAISSANCE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS



The Catalinas-Rockin' the Forest

Nov 8 7:30 p.m. Rockin' the Forest is a live concert music series featuring some of the top musical acts in the area. The Catalinas are an American beach music band from the late 1950s. Their classic song Summertime's Callin' Me was originally recorded in 1975. The bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases. Tickets: \$15 plus tax.

Happy Dan the Magic Man

Nov 20 & Dec 18 11 a.m. Everyone laughs louder when Happy Dan is in the house! Children are quickly drawn into his tale of magical fantasy as they perform various feats of magic and more. The laughter never stops as Happy Dan struggles with his misbehaving props and the children fly to his rescue. Tickets: \$5 plus tax.

Wake Forest Holiday Artisans Market

Dec 7 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Presented by ARTS Wake Forest. The market will showcase a wide variety of items handmade by regional artisans and craftspeople in a wide range of prices. *Free Admission*



Cratchit Family Christmas

Dec 8 ■ 3 p.m.

Presented by Bright Star Theatre. With heartwarming excitement, we find out how the Cratchit family has fared in the year that has passed

since old Scrooge learned the true meaning of the season. This tale is sure to delight young and old alike. An Arts for All program. *Free* Admission.

Wake Forest Choirs Winter Concerts

Dec 10 ■ 6:30 p.m. Wake Forest Children's Choir & the Wake Forest High School Chorale.

Dec 12 ■ 6:30 p.m. Wake Forest Abilities
Choir. Each choir will present a variety of holiday music under the direction of choir director Kasie Brooks. Free Admission.

Steve Owens & Summertime— Rockin' the Forest

Dec 28 ■ 7:30 p.m. Rockin' the Forest is a live concert music series featuring some of the top musical acts in the area. Steve Owens & Summertime walked away from the 2012 Carolina Beach Music Awards as a winner of the "Favorite New Artist of the Year." The bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases. *Tickets:* \$15 plus tax.

wakeforestrencen.org
 Renaissance
 Centre Box Office, 919-435-9458



Holiday songs will be performed in authentic Nashville country style.

LIVE FROM NASHVILLE

A Merry Country Christmas

The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts welcomes "Live from Nashville—Merry Country Christmas". Shows will be performed on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

It's a merry, country Christmas indeed, when all of your favorite Christmas songs are presented in authentic Nashville country style with dazzling guitars and fiddles along with soaring harmonies. The joy of Christmas comes to you in this delightful production of toe-tapping, heartfelt music of the holidays. From the fun of *Old Saint*

Nick to the profoundly moving Oh Come all Ye Faithful, and from the playful Up on the Housetop to the poignant Silent Night, songs of fun, faith and hope are presented by the finest musicians and singers steeped in the traditions of America's genre—country!

Tickets are \$25 plus tax.

🔊 wakeforestrencen.org, 🕿 919-435-9458

Life is Magic!

Joshua Lozoff will perform "Life is Magic" at the Renaissance Centre for the Arts, 405 S. Brooks St., on Friday, Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

From his full stage show to his closeup shows, Joshua Lozoff's performances combine his love for the art of magic with his fascination with psychology, the powers of observation and influence. In one moment, he makes a drawing come to life just by pointing; in the next he predicts an audience member's choices even before she knows them herself.



An evening spent with Joshua Lozoff will amaze and entertain the entire family!

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors (plus tax).

American Sign Language interpretation is available for this show. Please contact the box office at least two weeks before the performance.

wakeforestrencen.org, ☎ 919-435-9458



Debbie Dunn is new Renaissance Centre Manager

The Town of Wake Forest welcomes Debbie Dunn as the new manager of the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts. She succeeds Cathy Gouge who resigned earlier this year after serving in the role since 2015.





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TOWN of WAKE FOREST



COMMUNICATIONS

Monthly E-News transitions to weekly "What's Up in Wake Forest"



For nearly 15 years the Wake Forest Communications Department produced the monthly online newsletter "E-News." Recently, due to the ever-increasing array of programs and events the Town offers, we transitioned to a weekly e-newsletter called "What's Up in Wake

By providing useful information weekly instead of monthly, we intend to keep E-News and E-Notifier subscribers even more up to date on all that's happening in Wake Forest. Plus, by providing a comprehensive rundown of Wake Forest news and information in a single email each Friday, we are able to limit the number of E-Alerts and other email we direct to your inbox.

You can sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter just as you do our other E-Notifier options by visiting wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.

№ wakeforestnc.gov, search "e-notifier", Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree, ⊠ bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov, ☎ 919-435-9421

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Best ways to outsmart "porch pirates"



The Wake Forest Police Department is warning homeowners to be vigilant when they have parcels delivered to their homes. Police say thieves often follow courier trucks and immediately steal items after they are dropped off. The police department offers these tips:

- **Require a package signature.** If your signature is required, couriers will not leave packages on your doorstep unattended.
 - Deliver packages to your workplace.
- Sign up for delivery service notifications. You will get an alert when a package is set to be delivered allowing you to make arrangements for someone to be home when it will arrive.
- Subscribe to a secure mailbox service. Sign up for a PO Box at the post office or at the UPS Store. You can have all packages delivered to these locations.
- Be a good neighbor. Be alert and report all crime and suspicious activity. If you see a package being stolen from a neighbor's home, call 911 and report a "crime in progress." In addition, if you see someone acting suspicious or a vehicle that might be casing the neighborhood, call police immediately.
- № wakeforestnc.gov, search "crime prevention", 🕿 919-554-6150

PUBLIC WORKS

Recycle your Christmas tree

Beginning Friday, Dec. 27, the Town of Wake Forest will collect and recycle live Christmas trees from residential homes according to its normal yard waste collection schedule. The trees will be ground into mulch and made available to residents upon request.

All Wake Forest residents whose yard waste is collected by the Town may participate in the "Treecycling" program. To recycle your live tree, please remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from the tree and set it behind the curb for collection.

To request mulch made from the recycled trees, call 919-435-9570.

Wake Forest Loop now offers expanded service



The Wake Forest Loop (WFL), a weekday, fare-free bus for residents traveling within Wake Forest and a portion of Wakefield, now offers an early/late extension along North Main Street and a mid-day extension into Heritage.

The early/late and mid-day extensions are just the beginning of several exciting changes planned

for the WFL. Currently, the WFL is comprised of one bus running the hour-long route Monday-Friday in a clockwise direction.

Beginning in early 2020, the Town will introduce Saturday service and a reverse route which will add a second bus running in the opposite direction. As a result, the WFL will operate six days a week and area residents will be able to travel both clockwise and counterclockwise along the existing route cutting wait times in half from 60 to 30 minutes. The local service will remain free of charge.

For complete information about Wake Forest Bus Service, including route schedules, maps, brochures and holiday schedules, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "bus service".

Transportation Engineer Jonathan Jacobs, ☎ 919-435-9441, ⊠ jjacobs@ wakeforestnc.gov

PUBLIC WORKS

Bi-monthly loose leaf collection is underway

The Town of Wake Forest's annual loose leaf collection program is underway and will continue through early March 2020. Residents are reminded that this year the Town will provide bi-monthly loose leaf collection service which calls for crews to service each town street twice each month.

When preparing leaves for collections, residents are urged to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Rake leaves into piles behind the curb, so they do not interfere with traffic or drainage.
- Do not mix sticks, rocks, pine cones, limbs or other debris with loose leaves. The Town's vacuum equipment is only designed to pick up loose leaves. Your cooperation will help prevent mechanical breakdowns and collection delays.
- Place limbs and brush behind the curb in a pile separate from leaves.
- Keep brush away from other objects such as, fences, walls, water meters, utility poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants and cars.
- Keep debris free of animal waste. Animal waste should be bagged and placed in rollout garbage carts.

Wake Forest residents can track the progress of leaf collection crews by calling the Leaf Collection Hotline at 919-435-9582. The hotline is updated each weekday morning by 8 a.m. with information concerning where crews will be working that day.

24,924

The number of visitors to the Holding Park Aquatic Center during summer 2019.









Help us reach our goal of 800 turkeys

> The Wake Forest
Police Department is
now accepting monetary
donations through
Saturday, Nov. 23, as part
of its 13th Annual Turkey
Drive. Online donations
may be made on the
Town's website. Visit
wakeforestnc.gov and
search "donate turkey
drive."

Anyone wishing to contribute cash or a check to this year's Turkey Drive should contact Officer M.W. Sattler at 919-795-7270 or msattler@wakeforestnc.gov.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the police department will accept monetary donations and frozen turkeys at the main station, located at 225 S. Taylor St., from 9 a.m. until noon.

Turkeys will be distributed while they last on Monday, Nov. 25, from 9-11 a.m., at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave.



GOBBLEQUEST

Search for hidden turkeys at Joyner Park and win a prize!

ake plans now to participate in the Town's second annual Gobblequest at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Hosted by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

Department (PRCR), the event gets underway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Participants in Gobblequest are challenged to search for hidden cardboard turkeys throughout the park. If you find a turkey, you win a prize (limit one per family).

The entry fee is \$5 per child and pre-registration is required at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com.

After the turkey hunt, the

movie *Free Birds* will be shown in the Joyner Park Community Center at 11:30 a.m. Admission to the movie is free.



Simone Smith & Tilda Caudle are 2019 Good Neighbors of the Year

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council (HRC) is pleased to announce Simone Smith and Tilda Caudle as the 2019 youth and adult Good Neighbors of the Year. Mayor Vivian Jones made the announcements during the Good Neighbor Day celebration in September.

Simone was nominated by her



mother, Loraine, who emphasized her "servant heart."

"Last year (Simone) served over 115 volunteer hours helping

youth to improve their academics," wrote Loraine. "She did it for free realizing the importance of education. She also did that while maintaining her studies. She serves at Hope House, Inc., in the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy and several one-day service

opportunities."

Eight residents nominated Tilda Caudle in the adult category noting her "servant leadership."

"Tilda Caudle is the epitome of a servant leader," wrote EnJanet Joseph. "She has dedicated and led countless efforts to enhance the quality of life for the residents within the Northeast End community and be a bridge and connector for individuals to resources,



organizations and partners. She possesses a humble and loving spirit and is well known, trusted and loved throughout the Northeast End

community and Town of Wake Forest. She is well deserving of this prestigious award."

wakeforestnc.gov, search "good neighbor"

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Third Tuesday | 7 p.m. Town Hall Board Room

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First Tuesday | 5:30 p.m . Town Hall Board Room

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First Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. Town Hall Board Room

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- live at wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv 10", and ondemand in streaming video



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